study is awaited. It would also include staffing norms of Allopathic dispensaries. SIU have also agreed to undertake the study of ISM and H dispensaries in Delhi and outside Delhi after the SIU report on Allopathic dispensaries has been finalised.

Cholera Vaccine

1931. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WEFLARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some scientists working in the National Institute of Cholera and Enteric diseases, Calcutta, have developed a new live and safe Cholera Vaccine, which has been found safe and effective in initial trials; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the vaccine is likely to go into commercial production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) and (b) The Scientists of National Institute of Cholera & Enteric Diseases, Calcutta in collaboration with Institute of Microbial Technology, Chandigarh and Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Jadavpur, Calcutta have developed an oral recombinant cholera vaccine designated as VAL. 3. The vaccine has been found to be good under experimental conditions and has passed the acute toxicological studies successfully. The vaccine is now undergoing Phase I Clinical trial at three centres viz. PGI, Chandigarh, Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow and Society for Applied Studies, Calcutta. As the vaccine needs to undergo Phase I, Phase II and Phase III clinical trials and also the approval of Drug Controler of India would be necessary if the vaccine is found successful, some more time will be required for commercial production of the vaccine.

Monitoring of Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme

1932. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme is under the World Health Organisation or in Central Health Organisation;

(b) who will monitor the programme to implement it; and

(c) whether the guidelines relating to it circulated by Government of India, can be amended at will by the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) The RCH Programme is a 100 per cent centrally sponsored Family Welfare Programme implemented by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare through the State and Union Territory Governments. The Progamme is being jointly funded by the Government of India, World Bank, European Commision and other multilateral and bilateral donors.

(b) At the National level the RCH Programme is being monitored by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, at the State/Union Territory level the monitoring of the programme is being done by the respective State/UT Governments. The implementation is also monitored, from time to time by the World Bank and other major donors.

(c) Normally the State/Union Territories are adhering to the guidelines prepared by the Government of India for implementation of the RCH Programme; however, in special circumstances the States/Union territories can suggest region specific changes for approval by Government of India and if necessary, by the World Bank, if such changes are considered essential for smooth implementation of programme.